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ABSTRACT

Designed as a tool for school personnel seeking sites and facilities for resident outdoor education, this directory provides information on 45 resident outdoor education sites in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin. The document is organized in a comprehensive table and in individual site descriptions. For each site, the table briefly indicates: name; location; availability; size; capacity; meal facilities; availability of winterized housing; availability of instructional staff; and area and physical characteristics (bog, cave, forest, lake, marsh, prairies, stream, quarry, cemetery). Individual citations contain: complete address; name and address of person to contact; accreditation; size; and rental rates for groups of different sizes. Each citation also contains a description of the physical site; facilities; and available services, activities, and equipment. The prices quoted in the directory are for 1978 and are subject to change. (SB)

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Foreword

Outdoor education can no longer be regarded as a passing fad. Even though the number of facilities ava_lable for resident outdoor education has been expanding for a number of years, demand still seems to be outdistancing the facilities that are available. For example, the number of school pupils accomodated at two resident centers within a 10 mile radius of one another in Northern Illinois just this past year exceeded 6,800. (Some facilities are overbooked and are not readily available during peek season, ordinarily early fall and late spring).

This directory was developed as a service for school personnel seeking sites and facilities for resident outdoor education. Prices quoted are for 1978 and subject to change.

This document should prove to be a valuable resource for those interested in knowing the types of facilities that are available, or for those who are searching for new sites to sample. The author of this document has provided a valuable service in collecting this information and presenting it in a concise readable style.

This document is available for distribution to interested school officials and may be ordered by contacting the Lorado Taft Field Campus, Oregon, IL 61061.

- Donald R. Hammerman
Director, Lorado Taft Field Campus

CAMP NAME SITE LOCATION	AVAILABILITY	ACRES/ CAPACITY	A. WINTERIZED HOUSING B. MEALS	AVAILABLE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF	BOG	CEMETERY	CAVE	FOREST	LAKE	MARSH	PRAIRIE	STREAM	QUARRY
Algonquin Rhinelander, WI	early fall, late spring	160 ac. 200+	a. No b. Yes	No	X			X	X	X		X	
Benson Mt. Carrol, IL	spring fall	100 ac. 140 fall spring 35 winter	a. No b. Yes	Director	X		X	X			X	X	
Brandenburg Springfield Corners, WI	Sept - May	178 ac. 56-92 & primitive 24	a. Yes - 36 No - 90 b. No	None				X	X	X		X	X
Chapman Hills East Troy, WI	Year round	320 ac. 36-140	a. Yes - 36 No - 140 b. do own cooking										
Duncan Round Lake, IL		400 ac. 300+	a. Yes b. Yes	None	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Echo Valley Farm Mt. Horeb, WI	Sept - May	220 ac. 64	a. Yes - 40 No - 24 primitive b. No	None				X					X
Edwards East Troy, WI	year round	126 ac. 150	a. Yes b. Yes	Outdoor Ed. Assistant				X	X	X			X
Emmaus Mt. Morris, IL	late spring early fall	97 ac. 100	a. No b. Yes bring own cooks	None	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Far Horizons Hanover, IL	year around	230 ac. 30 winter 200+	a. Some b. Yes bring own cooks					X				X	
George Williams College Williams Bay, WI	year round	150 ac. 450 winter 600 spring	a. Yes b. Yes	2 full time 6--30 graduate assistants registered nurse		X			X	X			X
Greenwood Naperville, IL	weekdays year round	110 ac. 96-160	a. 96 winter 160 other b. cook own	None				X		X	X	X	

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Harand Camp Elkhart Lake, WI	spring fall	170 ac. 300	a. Yes b. not less than 70					X	X				
Hastings Lake Villa, IL	year round	100 ac. 196	a. Yes b. Yes	Naturalist		X		X	X	X	X		
Henry Horner Round Lake, IL	year round	175 ac. 120	a. Winterized b. Yes	Outdoor Ed. Specialist for consulting & work with group	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Hickory Acres	weekdays school year	40 ac. 25	a. Yes b. Provide own cooks	None				X					
JCC	fall, winter spring	100+ ac. 70+	a. No Cook b. Own meals	None					X	X	X		
King's Camp Frankfort, IL	April-Oct.	95 ac.	primitive camping	None					X			X	
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center Oregon, IL	year round	730 ac. 160	a. Yes b. Yes	resource for staff				X			X	X	X
MacKenzie Env. Ed. Center Poynette, WI	year round	250 ac. 80	a. Yes b. Yes catered or cook own	resident coordinator, naturalists		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Manitoqua Frankfort, IL	Sept.-May	53 ac. 156	a. Yes b. Yes	None									
Medill-Mc Cormick Stillman Valley IL	Sept.-May	350 ac. 200+	a. Yes - 72 b. provide own cooks					X			X	X	X
Menno-Haven Tiskilwa, IL	year round	240 ac. 80-200	a. Yes - 80 b. Yes	2 program staff					X	X		X	X

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Nature's Classroom Peru, IL	spring fall	250 ac. 81	a. Yes b. Yes	Yes - 8 nurse		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Oakwood Knoll East Troy, WI	fall/spring	90 ac. 36	a. No b. do own cooking	None				X		X	X		
Outdoor Ed. School New Milford, IL	3rd week in Sept. to May 31	340 ac. 70	a. Yes b. Yes	4 day time 4 night time teachers	X	X				X		X	X
Palos Palos Park, IL	year round	80 ac. 60	a. Yes b. Yes	volunteer staff for observatory				X		X	X	X	
Phantom Lake Mukwonago, WI	weekdays school year	39 ac. 40	a. Yes - 40 b. do own cooking	None				X	X		X	X	
Pleasant Valley Woodstock, IL	year round	460 ac. 70	a. Yes b. Yes	minimum of one staff per group				X		X	X	X	
Ravenswood Lake Villa, IL	weekdays Sept. - June	140 ac. 192	a. Yes b. Yes	Director				X	X	X			
Reinberg Palentine, IL	year round	75 ac. & 1900 adjacent 79	a. Yes b. Yes	4-5 resource staff		X		X		X	X	X	
Riverswood St. Charles, IL	year round weekdays	85 ac. 185 115 winter	a. Yes 30-115 b. Yes	None RN	X			X		X		X	
Shabbona Hills Harvard, IL	year round	285 ac. 40-72	a. Yes (40) b. do own cooking		X			X			X		
Shaw-waw-nas-see Maneto, IL	fall, winter, spring	120 ac. 24-334	a. Yes (24) No (334) b. Yes	Consultant		X	X	X		X		X	

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Singing Hills Elkhorn, WI	Sept - June 15	160 ac. 100-216	a. Some b. do own cooking	No	X	X		X	X		X		
Stetler Richland Ctr., WI	Sept - May	160 ac. 72	a. Yes - 36 primitive 36 b. NO	None				X					
Stronghold Oregon, IL	year round	450 ac.	a. Yes b. Yes	3 available for support, planning	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Taft Field Campus Oregon, IL	School year	140+ 200 adjoining park 125	a. Yes b. Yes	Yes consultants graduate teaching assistants				X			X	X	X
Timber Lee East Troy, WI	year round	507 ac. 225	a. Yes b. Yes	Yes		X		X		X	X	X	X
Tuckabatchee Ottowa, IL	Aug. 20 - June 20	158 ac. 115	a. No b. No	No									
Tu-Endi-Wei Elgin, IL	late spring early fall	23 ac.	a. No b. do own cooking	Director Naturalist				X	X	X		X	
Walcamp Kingston, IL	year round	204 ac. 100	a. Yes b. Yes	None	X	X		X	X	X		X	
White Eagle Adeline, IL	May 1-Sept 30	140 ac. 168	a. No b. do own cooking	Consultant				X				X	
White Pines Ranch Oregon, IL	year round	500 ac. 120-250	a. Yes b. Yes	7 accredited teachers		X		X		X	X	X	X
Williams Woods	Sept-May	117 ac. 36-72	a. Yes-36 no- 36 primitive b. No					X		X		X	
Wis-Co-Lago Kenosha, WI	year-round	160 ac.	a. None b. None primitive	None	X			X	X	X	X	X	

Algonquin Reading Camp
Rt. 3
Rhinelander, WI 54501
(715) 369-1277

Contact: Jim Doran, Director
Algonquin Reading Camp
Rt. 3
Rhinelander, WI 54501

ACA accredited, 160 acres

Cost: $7 per day w/o meals
$11 to $12 per day w/meals

The Algonquin Reading Camp contains 160 acres of beautiful wooded land, 3000 feet of prime frontage on a sparkling springfed, clean, shallow, warm lake which is ideal for sailing, canoeing, water-skiing, swimming, and fishing. It is bordered by an operating farm.

Facilities are extensive, including four tennis courts, athletic fields, a large indoor recreation hall, trout stream, three beautiful dining rooms, stables for thirty horses, ranges for rifle, archery, and golf. In addition it has an art building, some laundry facilities, eight bed infirmary, carpeted classroom and meeting buildings plus 35 cabins for children and eight buildings for staff. Also, a new shower house with separate areas for men and women.

Benson (YMCA Camp Benson)
RFD 3 #13
Mt. Carroll, IL 61053
(815) 244-8722

Contact: John Ashbrook
YMCA 402 First Ave.
Sterling, IL 61081
(815) 626-3804

ACA accredited, 100 acres

For outdoor education use fees vary according to rental agreement - meal service, director's services, cabin useage, cooks, incidentals in any combination. For a group of 100

5 days/4 nights	$30.10 each
4 days/3 nights	$24.15 each
3 days/2 nights	$18.45 each

Instructional equipment is available - watertest kits, microscopes, seine nets, weather station, shovels & axes, telescope, clinometer, compasses, tree & plant identification guides.

Rifles and canoes are available at an extra charge and require instructors & guards.

YMCA Camp Benson presently offers two basic Outdoor Education Plans.

Rental Option:

School provides teaching and resident staff, cooks, food, transportation, and programming and supplies.

Camp provides housing, meeting and kitchen facilities and recreational equipment.

Program Option:

School provides teaching staff and instructional materials.

Camp provides housing and meeting facilities, resident staff, food service, instructional and recreational equipment, transportation, and programming for non-teaching times.

Variations can be arranged.

Field trips (one day) can be accomodated.

Winter sessions can be arranged to a capacity of 35 (co-ed).

Brandenburg
Springfield Corners, WI

Contact: Black Hawk Council of Girl Scouts
2059 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 249-6661

Cost: $5 - 27.50 per day per site

178 acre Camp Brandenburg has four areas which may be used: (1) Hilltop a winterized lodge with cooking facilities for 36, and the tent unit with 7 platform tents for 28 - for $25 per 24 hour period, (2) Hawk's Nest winterized lodge with cooking facilities for 36 at $27.50 per 24 hours, (3) Sumac Shelter and Tent unit, an enclosed troop shelter for 28, and (4) a primitive area by the lake which has a latrine, drinking water & firecircle but no equipment for $5.00 per 24 hours.

Chapman Hills
East Troy, WI

Contact: J. Hann
Sybaquay Girl Scout Council
15 Zielger Ct.
Elgin, IL 60120
(312) 741-5521

Cost: Fees are for site & buildings use only, meal service is group's responsibility. Fees vary from $15 - $25 per day per unit.

Chapman Hills is a 320 acre site suitable for hiking, cross-country skiing, belly-botany and ecological studies. There are three types of housing: (1) 3 platform tent units capacity 36 each with basic equipment provided, $15, (2) 1 primitive unit with 3 man tents, capacity 36, $15, (3) winterized troop house, capacity 36, basic equipment, outdoor latrine, floor mats for sleeping, cooking & eating facilities, $15 day use, $25 overnight.

Duncan
P.O. Box 207
Round Lake, IL 60073
(312) 546-8086

Contact: Philip Parfitt (same as above)

Cost: Approximately $10 per person per day including 3 meals, use of grounds, boats, etc.

ACA accredited, 400 acres

Camp Duncan covers 400 acres of rolling wooded country and is fronted by a beautiful 100 acre lake, all of which is available for use by a group. There is a ruggedness about the Camp that enables persons to fully experience and enjoy nature and the great out-of-doors, while still having all the modern conveniences close at hand. Woods, prairies, fields, lake, rolling terrain, marshes, bog, wild animals, succession zones and ecotones offer potential for comprehensive nature programming.

There are 18 winterized cabins which each hold 17 people. They are dorm style with bunkbeds & attached & central washrooms & showers.

Recreational equipment is available. In the winter there is anice skating pond & toboggan run.

Echo Valley Farm
Mount Horeb, WI
(608) 967-2492 EMERGENCY ONLY

Contact: Black Hawk Council of Girl Scouts
2059 Atwood Ave.
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 249-6661

Winterized "House Unit" sleeps 40 students on carpeted 3rd floor. Cooking equipment is available. Rental is $27.50 per 24 hour period. Also available is a "Primitive Unit" for 24 persons. Bring your own tents! Facilities include latrine, drinking water from hand pump, fire circle. No equipment provided. Fee is $5 per day.

Edwards (Camp Edwards YMCA)
1275 Army Lake Road
East Troy, WI 53120
(414) 642-7466

Contact: Merrill G. Oleson, Executive Director
(above address)

ACA accredited, 126 acres

Camp Edwards is committed to serving educational groups, and has been doing so since the late 1950's. Thirty schools, for instance, were registered for the '78-'79 year.

Two service areas are open: Micklewright Lodge and Cabin area has 13 cabins housing groups of up to 140 students in close proximity to restroom facilities, program areas and Micklewright Lodge where delicious meals are served family-style. Runge Lodge is for smaller groups of up to 30. It is a modern, self-contained facility nestled into the terrain with 6 bathrooms, 7 bedrooms, 30 bunk beds, snack kitchen, carpeting throughout and a sunken fireplace.

School groups scheduled for a resident camp experience are provided a helpful, 47-page booklet about specific teaching opportunities at our facilities entitled Investigating the Environment.

A representative from Camp Edwards will be glad to come talk with interested groups. Visits to Camp are definitely encouraged.

Approved rates for the 1978 - 79 School Year

Size of total group	Under 25	25 to 59	60 to 99	100/over
Unit rate (per meal and per night)	2.40	2.25	2.10	2.00
2 Nights, 6 Meals	*	*	*	*
2 Nights, 7 Meals	21.60	20.25	18.90	18.00
3 Nights, 8 Meals	26.40	24.75	23.10	22.00
3 Nights, 9 Meals	28.80	27.00	25.20	24.00
3 Nights, 10 Meals	31.20	29.25	27.30	26.00

Much Educational equipment & materials are available. Visits may be arranged at the nearby farm.

Emmaus (Camp Emmaus, Inc.)
Box 70
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
(815) 734-4027

Contact: William E. Hare
(815) 734-4263 or same as above

Cost: $7.50 per day with meals (1978)
$2.50 per day without meals (1978)

The 97 acres of Camp Emmaus contain a bog, lake, marsh area, prarie, springs stream and trails. There are also 8 cabins which hold 10 people each and 1 double cabin for 20 people. Each cabin has showers & flush toilets. There is also a 5 acre tent area.

Far Horizons
Hanover, IL 61041
(815) 591-3783

Contact: Jerry Ashby
601 Smith 4 E Stephenson St.
Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 232-7191

ACA accredited, 230 acres

Cost: $15 per site per night
$150 per week all sites
$50 per week main kitchen

Available sites include: (1) winterized lodge for 60, (2) log cabin for 20 with running water May 1 - Oct. 15, (3) units with 10 platform tents each with picnic shelters, water, fire places & light on latrine, (4) other smaller units.

Camp Far Horizons, Hanover, IL, is owned and operated by Green Hills Council of Girl Scouts. This camp is available for troop camping year round except during Resident and Day Camp (usually held in June and July).

The camp is 225 acres of beautifully wooded, hilly, bluff land with a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside.

Camp Far Horizons is located between Savanna and Hanover, IL, just east off of Route 84. Two miles south of Hanover on Route 84 turn east at the Storybrook Golf Club Road, continue about two miles, always going to your right when coming to a fork in the road. This will take you directly into camp.

George Williams College
Williams Bay, WI 53191
(414) 245-6714

Contact: Director of Outdoor Education

Cost (including meals, linen, equipment & supplies):

Option 1 - G.W.C. staff conducts & supervises entire program.
$11.55 per day.

Option 2 - G.W.C. provides 3 resource staff.

Option 3 - G.W.C. provides hosts.

The Resident Outdoor Program is located on the Lake Geneva Campus of George Williams College. It is situated on 148 acres along the shores of Geneva Lake. The rolling hills reflect the glacial origin of the area. The center is located in a sub-climax oak forest.

We believe that Outdoor/Environmental Education is not another new curriculum, but is multi-disciplinary. Programs are designed to enhance, amplify and extend any subject matter. We have identified five areas of involvement through which significant results can be achieved. These are: curriculum enrichment, social growth, individual growth, environmental awareness, and recreational skills. We have developed "starter" programs which draw on our own experience and that of school staffs that have used our site. We are willing to train teachers who use our facilities in these "starter" programs.

A set of non-consumable equipment is loaned to a group if they desire. There is no charge unless items are lost or damaged. Included are such things as rock hammers, compasses, hand lenses, soil and regular thermometers, knapsacks, field weather instruments, etc. A variety of audio-visual and recreational equipment is also available for loan.

Greene Wood
8 S. 021 Route 53
Naperville, IL 60532
(312) 963-6050

Contact: Camp Administrator (same as above)

The Indian Boundary Line runs through Camp Greene Wood. The 110 acre site includes a pond, prairie, stream & trails. Greene Wood has three winterized cabins which house 32 students and 4 adults each. Cooking facilities are available, although group must furnish own equipment.

Harand Camp
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020
(414) 876-3344

Contact: Byron Friedman
410 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 427-0567

ACA accredited, 170 acres

Cost: $12.00 per day per person including lodging and meals for groups of 70 or more. 25 cabins are available. March 15-June 15, Labor Day - Nov. 1.

Hastings YMCA
Rt. 2 Box 673
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(312) 356-7567

Contact: E. James Davis or Lorraine Alfred (same as above)

ACA accredited, 100 acres

Cost: Varies, contact camp directly

Hastings has 18 winterized cabins which sleep 12 people each and 8 meeting

rooms with 20 to 250 person capacity. Outdoor cooking is available.

There is a nearby cemetery & farm, lake, marsh, prairie, trails, swamps, toboggan run and ice skating pond.

A naturalist is available to work with school groups.

Henry Horner YMCA
P.O. Box 232
Round Lake, IL 60073
(312) 546-4435

Contact: Dan Farinella (same as above)

ACA accredited, 178 acres

Fee Schedule (all charges per camper - staff will be charged for meals only)
Cost includes meals: daily $6.00, overnight $17.50, 3 days/2 nights $25.50.

Facilities: Groups using the camp can make use of all the camp's facilities which include three large cleared playing fields, roller skating rink, asphalt tennis courts and basketball court, an ice skating rink and sled-toboggan run. There are several areas which have been left in their natural state for use in nature observation, hiking, outdoor living, etc. A creek runs on the west side of the camp property from Nippersink Road to Wooster Lake. There are 54 buildings, including summer sleeping cabins, recreation hall, art, photography and nature shops, along with six fully winterized buildings housing 111 students. The dininghall seats 200 maximum.

There is a large telescope, nature library, projector, "new games" equipment, roller skating rink and skates and a stage.

Natural features a nearby cemetery & dairy farm, volo bog, prairie, stream, ski trails, toboggan run and camp garden.

Hickory Acres
Cleophus Road
Beloit, WI 53511
(608) 879-2377

Contact: Judy Mayer
Badger Girl Scouts
1175 Madison Rd.
Beloit, WI 53511
(608) 362-8922

40 acres

Cost: $1 per person per night with $20 minimum, no meal service is available.

Hickory acres has one lodge with a large room with mattresses for 25. It is winterized and has outside water & latrines.

JCC (Camp JCC)
Route 1 W 3985 Trails End Road
Fredonia, WI 53021
(414) 377-2484

Contact: Jim Beuscher
W 68 N 725 Evergreen Blvd.
Cedarburg, WI 53012
(414) 377-2484

ACA accredited, 100+ acres

One hundred acre Camp JCC is available for rental for $25 day rental, $35 overnight. Housing is in one main lodge with a capacity of 75 people. Separate bathroom & shower facilities are in the basement. Kitchen use is permitted, but do your own cooking in the Jewish Kosher kitchen.

Outdoor cooking is allowed & cooking equipment is available.

Some instructional equipment is available including a 2" & 6" refractor telescope, compasses, microphones, and collecting equipment. A weather station is being built.

Ski trails, ice skating pond and a toboggan run are special winter features.

Kings Camp
Chana, IL

Contact: Paul Ransford
Route 1, Box 21
Frankfort, IL 60423
(815) 469-2319

Kings Camp is a 53 acre ACA accredited wilderness camp located on a lake in Chana, IL. All cooking is done by group at own site.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
P.O. Box 239
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-2220

Contact: Rev. John Swanson (same as above)

ACA accredited, 730 acres

Cost:

4 nights,	11 meals	$42.00
3 "	10 "	$34.00
2 "	7 "	$23.25

The Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center has four winterized dorms which sleep 32 people each with indoor bathrooms and showers. Each dorm has four rooms that sleep eight connected by a center meeting room. There is also a retreat house for 32, 2 large meeting rooms and a carpeted lounge with fireplace which holds 150.

In the primitive camping area there are six wooden platform tents that sleep 8-10 with latrine in area and showers and water close by. All needed cooking equipment is available.

Two dorms are equiped for wheelchairs and there are ramps to other buildings.

There is a stress/challenge course, orienteering & fitness course. Canoes and cross country skis are available for rent. Natural features include prairie, quarry, cemetery, Rock River ½ mile away, ski trails, natural clay deposits and rock outcroppings.

MacKenzie Environmental Education Center
Poynette, WI 53955
(608) 635-4498

Contact: Gen Bancroft or Joel Stone at above address

Cost: $1.50 per night rental, cook own meals or catered

250 acres

MacKenzie Environmental Education Center is a part of the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. On the staff are a resident coordinator, naturalist, assistant naturalist and volunteers.

Housing is available in two winterized bunkhouses which accommodate 40 people each. There is also a support building with a diningroom for 200, classroom for up to 80 and workshop.

The program is set up to meet each group's needs utilizing the site's cemetery, farm, lake, prairie, quarry, river, waterfall, trails and forests.

There are live animal exhibits of natural Wisconsin wildlife, museums, and five nature trails.

Manitoqua
Route 1, Box 21
Frankfort, IL 60423
(815) 469-2319

Contact: Paul Ransford (same as above)

ACA accredited, 53 acres

Cost: $12.00 per person per day (includes 3 meals, snack, meeting room & overnight cabins)

There are winterized cabins each housing 13. There are also 3 classrooms, two rooms seating about 50 and one for 400.

There is an ice skating pond, tubing hill and trails.

Medill McCormick
10146 Girl Scout Road
Stillman Valley, IL 61084

Contact: Diane Maltby
Box 1616
Rockford, IL 61110
(815) 962-5591

ACA accredited, 350 acres

Medill McCormick is available to school groups from Sept. - May. Certificates of insurance are required. Cost is determined by number of sites used.

There are two winterized lodges with a maximum of 36 per lodge. There are also 4 tent units for 36 each available April - October and 2 primitive sites.

Cooking is done by each group. Grates, cook kits, griddles, reflector ovens, poppers and utencils are available.

Trails, woods, river, quarry, prairie, and ice skating pond are located on the property.

Menno-Haven
Tiskilwa, IL 61368
(815) 646-4344

Contact: Chris Kaufman or Wayne Albrecht
Box 234
Tiskilwa, IL 61368
(815) 646-4463

Cost: $9.75 per 24 hour period includes 3 meals, snack, lodging, use of grounds and facilities and services of two program staff persons.

230 acre Camp Menno-Haven is located 100 miles west of Chicago near I-80. It has two brand new winterized dorms with four carpeted rooms accommodating up to 20 each, plus rooms for staff. A large lodge overlooking the lake contains meeting area and dininghall.

9 non-winterized cabins and aderondaks can accommodate up to 12 people each.

Located on the hills of the Bloomington moraine Menno-Haven has two meadows, 3 streams, lake, oak-hickory forest and abundant wildlife.

The program staff people work with school groups in planning and carrying out outdoor education at Menno-Haven.

Nature's Classroom
Claret Knoll
RR 1
Perce, IL 61354
(815) 224-1085

Contact: Addison Draper, Director
1617 2nd street
Perce, IL 61354
(815) 224-1085

Cost (including meals, lodging, program & Nature's Classroom teachers)
5 day - $55, 2½ day - $29.

Nature's Classroom offers a multi and inter-disciplinary approach to outdoor education.

Nature's Classroom believes children learn best what they experience totally --- with their senses and being, not just their intellect. We believe that living in our cities and suburbs removes children from the experience of their basic environment, depriving them of the knowledge necessary to make sound environmental decisions. This lack of environmental experience makes

it difficult for children to perceive relationships and interdependence between person-and-nature, and between person-and-person.

Nature's Classroom takes a class (grades 4-8), with their teacher, for a Monday through Friday resident experience at our 240 acre site. Our staff will work with the children on a 1-10 ratio. The classroom teacher is present for free time supervision and in order to utilize the experience in future work with the students. He/she is welcome to do whatever teaching he/she requests and plans in advance.

The days are divided into morning field experiences, two afternoon elective classes (multi-disciplinary and related to the environment), and evening activities such as campfires, star-gazing, night walks.

Students are under adult supervision twenty four hours a day.

It complies with all state health, sanitary, and safety standards. We have full insurance coverage.

Oakwood Knoll
State Route 20
East Troy, WI 53120
(414) 642-5142

Contact: Judy Mayer
1175 Madison Road
Beloit, WI 53511
(608) 362-8922

Cost: $1 per person per night with $20 minimum

Ninety acre Oakwood Knoll has one winterized building with indoor water & sinks, stove & refrigerator, and outdoor latrine. There are 36 mattresses to use on the floor and dishes and utencils for 36.

Natural features of the site include an ice skating pond, toboggan hill, trails, marsh, pond and prairie.

Outdoor Education School
2685 New Milford School Road
New Milford, IL 61109
(815) 874-7576

Contact: Paul Runestad, Program Director (same as above) or
Mike Papich
Rockford Park District
1401 N. 2nd Street
Rockford, IL 61107
(815) 987-8843

Cost: Not determined for '79-'80 school year at this writing

The Outdoor Education School is located on 340 acres of land on a mile of the Rock River. It has two limestone quarries, a bog, cemetery, swamp area and a variety of trails. 17 subject areas are offered.

The staff includes 4 full-time day staff and four night staff.

Programs are offered for students from grade 4 to 10 and are either 2½ or 5 days. Canoeing and archery are offered to all groups and rapelling for week long groups. Classroom teachers are involved in planning and instruction if so desired.

There are two winterized dormitories housing 32-35 students and a separate building for teachers.

Palos Camp
11736 Will-Cook Road
Palos Park, IL 60464
(312) 448-0121

Contact: Suzanne Blatchford, Assistant
Executive Director
South Cook County Girl Scouts, Inc.
15335 S. Broadway
Harvey, IL 60426
(312) 331-5556

Cost: Approximately $10 per person per day. A specific rate determined by number of nights & meals.

A large pond for fishing in season and ice skating in the winter is on 80 acre wooded Palos. A special feature is a 12½" Newtonian reflecting telescope.

There are five cabins with year-round heating, large fireplaces, kitchen & bunkrooms for a maximum of 104 people.

A field guide to the site is available.

Phantom Lake (YMCA Camp)
Rt. 3 Box 49-B
Mukwonago, WI 53149
(414) 363-8229

Contact: Gerald Carman
320 E. Broadway
Waukesha, WI 53186
(414) 542-2559

ACA accredited, 39 acres

Cost: $2.50 per meal, $50 per day use fee for group

For the months of September and May there are platform tents and indoor restrooms and showers available. From Oct. 1 - April 15 a winterized lodge may be used for a maximum of 40. Firescars are available for outdoor cooking.

For winter camping Phantom Lake has an ice skating pond, ski trails and toboggan run.

Pleasant Valley Outdoor Center
13315 Pleasant Valley Road
Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 338-5080

Contact: Cathy Donckers (same as above)

ACA accredited, 460 acres

Cost: Hilltop for 10 cabins, 7 people each, winterized

1 night	- 3 meals	$13.20
2 "	- 5 "	24.40
3 "	- 10 "	41.60
4 "	- 13 "	54.80

Valley Cottage - 24 beds, winterized cabin - overnight, own food & cooking $3.50 per day per person. A minimum of one staff person is assigned to work with every group - resource staff available with backgrounds in natural sciences, & social sciences with skills of the land and past times.

Resident environmental education is living and learning in a new setting in which all elements of the human environment - natural, physical, and cultural - comprise a changing arena for discovery, exploration, and the development of environmental knowledge and skill. Living together in a small, temporary community, participants in resident environmental education are a microcosm of the larger urban society of which they are a part.

Pleasant Valley stresses the educational values of the total living experience, in which learning takes place through active personal involvement.

On the resident setting, the subject matter of education is not science, geography, mathematics, etc.; rather it is marshes, ponds, gardens, farms, transmission lines, septic systems, and kitchens; and it is making beds, cutting firewood, digging clay, feeding animals, and baking bread.

Ravenswood (YMCA)
1520 E. Grand Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(312) 356-3572

Contact: Catherine Burke (same as above)

ACA accredited, 140 acres

Cost: $1.50 per meal
$4.00 overnight & facility fee
$25.00 per hour indoor pool use

Ravenswood has 15 winterized cabins which house 12 each. The dininghall has a capacity of 200 and has four classrooms in the basement. A crafts lodge with fireplace and kiln are available.

The camp director has outdoor recreation and education experience.

Special features of the site include Nature Center, indoor-outdoor swimming pool, volleyball courts, pit trampolines and waterfront with canoes and rowboats.

Reinberg
P.O. Box 218
Palentine, IL 60067
(312) 359-0010

Contact: Mrs. Ruth A. Records (same as above)

ACA accredited, 75 acres plus 1900 acres adjacent

Cost: $14.50 per camper per night, includes meals, bedding, staff for planning and camp implementation, supplies, equipment for program and insurance.

Camp Reinberg is an environmental education center. There are six winterized cabins (2 for 20, 3 for 12 and 1 for 15) to house a maximum of 79 people.

There are 4-5 resource staff available to assist teachers with planning and implementing the program. Children and teachers are encouraged to make equipment which can be brought to camp, set up, used, and taken back to school.

Special instructional areas include a cemetery, marsh, pond, prairie, ski trails, toboggan run and trails.

Instructional and recreational equipment is available (including donkeys to ride).

Riverwoods (Christian Center)
35 W 701 Riverwoods Lane
St. Charles, IL 60174
(312) 584-2222

Contact: Tony Danhelka or Karen Janssens (same as above)

ACA accreditation in process, 85 acres

Cost: 4 nights - 13 meals $35.00

Riverwoods has an overnight capacity of 115 winterized and 185 not winterized. It is a new site with virgin forest trails, Fox River fossils, river, marsh, bog, and two miles ski trails.

Special instructional equipment includes 30 sets of new skis and 45 pair of boots, as well as recreational equipment and canoes.

Shabbona Hills
Streit Rd.
Harvard, IL

Contact: J. Hann
Sybaquay Girl Scout Council
15 Zielger Ct.
Elgin, IL 60120
(312) 741-5521

Cost: Fees are for site use and buildings only meal service is group's responsibility. Fees are $15 - $25 per day or overnight per unit.

Shabbona Hills is a brand new 285 site. It includes 2 adirondack units (36 each $15), 1 primitive unit with 3 man tents (36, $15), barn for daytime shelter only ($10 day use), modern activity center with cooking, eating and program facilities with floor mats for 40 ($25).

Plans for development include confidence courses, mini-farms, & garden plots.

Shaw-waw-nas-see (4-H Camp)
Rt. 1, Box 198
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 933-3011

Contact: Katie Wiedman (same as above)

Cost: $13 per day including meals, lodging and facilities

Shaw-waw-nas-see 4-H Camp is located adjacent to the Kankakee River State Park on Highway 102, northwest of Kankakee, Illinois. Camp Shaw has a winterized lodge, housing 24 in dormitory-style rooms. The lodge has a kitchenette, and a meeting room with fireplace.

Warm weather facilities (capacity 334) include 24 rustic cabins each housing 14, restrooms with showers and flush toilets, 300 seat dining hall with fireplace, large recreation shelter, nature cabin, campfire sites, playing fields, and hiking trails, which are also ideal for cross-country skiing. A large outdoor swimming pool is available June-August.

Camp Shaw consists of 120 acres, pleasantly balanced between heavily wooded and park-like terrain. The camp is bisected by Rock Creek which flows in a scenic limestone canyon with sheer rock walls; there is a small cave and a waterfall.

Camp Shaw-waw-nas-see was named after a Pottawatomie Indian Chief whose tribe lived on the banks of Rock Creek in the early 1800's. Chief Shaw-waw-nas-see was one of the signers of the Fort Dearborn Treaty, and the camp is rich in Indian history. When Shaw-waw-nas-see died, he was buried Indian style along the creek. The spot is marked by a commemorative stone and can be reached only by following a trail through the woods.

Singing Hills
Rt. 1 Territorial Road
Elkhorn, WI 53121
(414) 495-8821 or 495-8763

Contact: Ann Bloor
Girl Scouts of Racine County, Inc.
816 6th St.
Racine, WI 53403
(414) 633-2409

ACA accredited, 160 acres

Cost: $10 per unit, $15 for use of large kitchen per day and $1 per person per day.

Located on Lake Michigan, Singing Hills has six platform tent units which hold from 12-36 people; 2 unit houses with electricity for 30-50 people, and a lodge with a well-equipped kitchen for 200.

Outdoor cooking equipment is available at each unit.

Special features are 2,000 feet of shoreline, cemetery 1 mile from main camp, neighboring farm, ice skating pond, prairie, trails and open meadows.

Stetler
Richland Center, WI

Contact: Blackhawk Council of Girl Scouts
2059 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 249-6661

Cost: $5 - $25 per unit per 24 hours

160 acre Camp Stetler has two areas for school group use: (1) a winterized cabin which accommodates 36 people, has cooking utencils, heat, stove & refrigerator, fireplace, latrine, tables, benches and running water - $25 per 24 hours, and (2) primitive area with no shelters or equipment for 36 people, $5 per 24 hours.

Stronghold
RR 3 Box 199
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-6111

Contact: L. Dean Hay (same as above)

Cost: Meal service and lodging available, prices quoted on basis of desired services.

There are three degree persons on the Stronghold staff available for program support or consultation in Outdoor Education but not necessarily providing the program.

On the site are buildings for 8, 12, 26, 41 and a new facility to begin construction in spring of '79; 2-5 persons per room depending upon building, all winterized. Canvas units (each designed for 16 person) are available spring and fall, and a family camp area with wooden shelters.

The main building at Stronghold is a "castle" useful for teaching medieval history with a 5 story tower looking over the Rock River. Natural features of the 450 acre site include two bog areas, limestone outcroppings & glacial till, marsh, pond, two small native prairie patches, two quarries, 1 mile river frontage, ski trails, toboggan run, clay deposits and camp garden.

Taft (Lorado Taft Field Campus)
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-2111

Contact: Oswald Goering (same as above)

Cost:

3 days/2 nights	$23.90
4 days/3 nights	33.85
5 days/4 nights	43.75

Cost includes 3 meals, snacks, lodging, and services of instructional staff.

Northern Illinois University's Lorado Taft Field Campus has attained national and international recognition as a center for Outdoor Teacher Education. The campus has operated on a year around basis since 1954. During the school year youngsters from grades 3 through 8 participate in a three to five day resident outdoor education experience. Since 1954 upwards of 31,000 pupils have resided at the Taft Campus.

A core of graduate teaching assistants, under faculty supervision, provide leadership to the resident program. The Taft Campus situated just north of Lowden Memorial State Park on high bluffs overlooking the Rock River is in one of the most scenic areas in Northern Illinois and affords opportunities for a variety of enriching outdoor learning experiences.

Timber-Lee
Route 2
East Troy, WI 53120
(414) 642-7345

Contact: Mr. Brian Ogne (same as above)

Cost: Overnight, use of facilities, meeting rooms, program, instruction (as available) and meals = $7.30 for groups of 50-75, $6.70 for groups of 75-100 and $6.05 for 101 and up per day.

ACA accredited, 507 acres

All the lodging in the main camp area are winterized and carpeted with indoor plumbing. Total capacity in this area is 225. There are several large indoor meeting areas.

For primitive camping there is a fort area for tents and two conastoga wagons. In outpost areas outdoor cooking is allowed with cooking equipment.

Timber-Lee has a 100 acre lake with rowboats, canoes, sailboats and fishing equipment, materials for blacksmithing and harness making, cross country skiing and tubing, hayrides, and many recreational activities.

Natural features include trails, springs, quarry, pond, lake, geological formations, and nearby cemetery. There is also an animal farm, nature center, weather station.

Tuckabatchee
RR 3
Ottowa, IL 61350
(815) 434-4409 winter
(815) 433-2984

Contact: Rose Wruck, Director
Camp Fire Girls of Ottowa
120½ W. Madison
Ottowa, IL 61350

ACA accredited, 158 acres

Cost: $1.50 per day per person, groups do own cooking

Tuckabatchee has 9 unheated rustic sleeping cabins (10 per cabin), restroom and shower facilities, kitchen and dininghall which will service 115 persons, and swimming pool. A winterized cabin for 40 people is also available.

Tu-Endie-Wei
Route 1 Box 16
Elgin, IL 60120
(312) 742-2169

Contact: James Eby (same as above or 312-742-7930)

ACA accredited, 23 acres

Cost: $1.50-$2 per person per night

At Tu-Endie-Wei there are seven cabins for use from mid-spring until mid-fall; a fully winterized lodge with two meeting areas; & craft lodge.

Walcamp
RR 3
Kingston, IL 60145
(815) 784-5141

Contact: Wesley Visser (same as above)

Cost: five day lodging and meals per person

1978-79	$50
1979-80	$52
1980-81	$55

205 acre Walcamp has 3 fully winterized buildings housing 100 people with a variety of meeting areas. A great deal of instructional and recreational equipment is also available.

Special features of the site include a complete weather station, bog, cemetery, farm, ice skating pond, lake, marsh, river, swamp and nature trails.

White Eagle Camp
Rt. 1
Leaf River, IL 61047
(815) 938-2468

Contact: Katie Wiedman
Rt. 1 Box 198
Manteno, IL 60950

Cost: $4.50 per day, meals not included

White Eagle 4-H Camp is located near the small town of Adeline, off of Highway 72, in Ogle County, southwest of Rockford, Illinois.

Summer, fall, and spring facilities include rustic-dormitory style cottages each housing 14 people, restrooms with showers and flush toilets, 200 seat dining hall with fireplace, large open-air recreation shelter, nature cabin, campfire sites, playing fields, and hiking trails. A heated outdoor swimming pool is available June-August. The capacity of the camp is 170.

There are no winterized heated facilities available. The camp may be used for survival-type, cold-weather camping, however.

The White Eagle 4-H Camp is composed of 140 acres of rugged, mostly wooded terrain. There are many hiking trails through the forest as well as enough open space for sports such as football and softball.

The camp is bisected by Leaf River which meanders through the site at the foot of a high rocky escarpment.

The camp is rich in opportunities for nature appreciation, photography, fossil and rock hunting, fishing, hiking, climbing, and wading.

White Pines Ranch
Pines Road
Oregon, IL 61061
(815) 732-7923

Contact Liz Hammerman (same as above or 815-732-7292)

ACA accredited, 500 acres

Cost: 3 plans available, cost is $15 - $60 based on services & instructional staff - meals, lodging, horseback riding, hayrides. Seven professional certified teachers are on the outdoor education staff.

All housing is winterized with indoor plumbing and showers - 3 areas for 60 persons each, 1 for 30, 2 for 20 each. Bedding is provided.

The ranch house seats 115 people and there are four classrooms.

Special features of the site and program are horseback riding, swimming pool, cross country skis, recreation and instructional equipment, cemetery, and log cabin.

White Pines is an operating ranch with a pond, limestone quarry, sandstone quarry, ox bow meandering stream, prairie, and stream.

Williams Woods
Dodge County, WI

Contact: Black Hawk Council of Girl Scouts
2059 Atwood Avenue
Madison, WI 53704
(608) 249-6661

Cost: $5.00 - 25.00 per unit per 24 hours

117 acre Camp Williams Woods has two areas for use to school groups on Beaver Dam River: (1) winterized cabin for 36 people with cooking equipment, electricity, fireplace, running water (cold), and outside latrine, $25 per 24 hour period and (2) primitive area with firecircles, latrine, & water pump - $5 per 24 hour period.

Wis-Co-Lago
110th Street
Kenosha, WI

Contact: Registrar
Illinois Shore Girl Scout Council
Wilmette, IL 60091
(312) 251-3100

Cost: $10 per night, $25 security deposit and proof of insurance

160 acre Wis-Co-Lago is a totally primitive site. The wetlands are artificially maintained by animal damming. It is an excellent area for cross-country skiing, canoeing, and nature study. It has a wooded area, bog, ice skating pond, lake, marsh, prairie and is on the Des Plaines River.

Drinking water is available at pumps and there are two commercial, portable latrines.